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Memo for R.T.S.

Subject: SR's

1. ^{25X1A} ~~Confidential~~ ~~with~~ [redacted] today. We planned to see [redacted] but he was with AD/ORE at the time. I believe I have enough information for our purposes.

2. The ~~letter~~ ^{25X1A} in memo to COMPS was arrived at, [redacted] believed, at a meeting of the EPB. Master AD/ORE is saying we will "hold the line on them...." He also is under the impression that he cleared the matter with you in EPB and later checked the draft with you — but conceives he may be wrong in this.

3. ^{25X1A} [redacted] volunteered admitting that we should have received copy of Army memo.

4. ^{25X1A} [redacted] states list is still open for discussion and P&P will counsel D/Put concerning it.

5. Apparently both Air and Navy (original requester!) have also followed Army in asking that the SR's be discontinued.

6. ^{25X1A} In general [redacted] was of the opinion the matter was not smoothly handled.

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7. My conclusions and suggestions are as follows:

(a) SR's have been produced for too long in a twilight zone of indecision. They are costly productions and any that are not desired should be discontinued immediately. The pyramiding cost of delay is obvious.

(b) Data should be gathered on all SR's presently assigned as to degree of completion of text and maps.

(c) Now that the request for SR's has been withdrawn a decision should be made to continue or discontinue them on their own merits as CIA publications.

(d) Consultations should be held by AD/SRE and Chief D/PP and D/Put to ascertain the specific SR's to be completed. In view of the amount of work already invested in SR's under way it seems to me degree of completion should be considered together with the basic merits of a study of a particular country.

(e) When the decision has been made and approved, a directive should be issued to implement it.

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